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Note verbale dated 26 May 2004 from the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia and has the honour to refer to his note SCA/1/04 (03) in which he requests information on the measures taken by Costa Rica to implement the measures adopted by the Security Council in relation to Somalia. In this respect, the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica had the honour to report the following:

1. Costa Rica has no commercial relations with Somalia. In this connection, please find attached a note dated 21 May 2004 from Ms. Vivian Campos Zúñiga, adviser to the Monitoring, Trade and Investment Unit of the Ministry of Foreign Trade of Costa Rica, addressed to the head of the Department of Multilateral Policy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, certifying that in 2003 no commercial transactions with Somalia were recorded (see annex I).

2. Costa Rica has not issued any permits for the sale of arms to Somalia and has not provided any military assistance to any armed group in that country. Moreover, Costa Rica has not served as a conduit for the transfer of arms to Somalia. In this connection, please find attached a certification, dated 19 May 2004, from commander Eric Karolicki Karolicki, Director General for Arms of the Ministry of Public Security of Costa Rica (see annex II).

3. The Government of Costa Rica has no diplomatic or consular offices in Somalia.

4. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica is remaining vigilant to ensure that Costa Rica fully complies with the Security Council provisions relating to Somalia and is prepared to intercede with the appropriate national authorities in order to ensure the continued observance of those measures.

5. In short, the Government of Costa Rica is fully complying with the measures instituted by the Security Council in relation to Somalia.

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Annex I to the note verbale dated 26 May 2004 from the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

In connection with your inquiry regarding imports by Costa Rica of diamonds and wooden articles from Liberia and Somalia over the past year, I wish to inform you that according to available data provided by the Central Bank of Costa Rica, no commercial transactions with either of the two countries mentioned were recorded in 2003.

(*Signed*) Vivian **Campos Zúñiga**
Adviser
Monitoring, Trade and Investment Unit
Ministry of Foreign Trade

Annex II to the note verbale dated 26 May 2004 from the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

In connection with your communication DGPE/DEPM/612/05/04/VMO, received via fax in this office on 13 May 2004, I should like to inform you that, according to the records maintained for that purpose in this office, no permit has been issued for the sale of arms to Somalia or Liberia, and no technical assistance has been provided to them in relation to arms.

Similarly, I should like to inform you that Costa Rica has not been a conduit for the transit of arms to those countries.

(*Signed*) Commander Eric **Karolicki Karolicki**
Director General for Arms